

DIAA Sportsmanship Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.
Wallace Wallin Center Room 103
(on the grounds of William Penn HS)
713 East Basin Road
New Castle, DE

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order: Chris Wheeler, Chair called the Meeting to order at 9:07am.
- B. Roll Call: In Attendance were- Chris Wheeler, Chair; Bill Legge; Edna Cale; Dennis Craighton; Sam Wylie; Jack Holloway; Pete Celeberti; Joan Samonisky; Fred Duffy; Bob Bussiere; Glen Stevenson. Also in attendance were: Kevin Charles, DIAA Executive Director; Paula Fontello, DAG; Thomas Neubauer, DIAA Staff.
- C. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Edna Cale/seconded by Glen Stevenson, passed by voice vote unanimously.
- D. Approval of Minutes from 8-1-11 and 9-1-11: Motion made by Joan Samonisky, seconded by Jack Holloway, passed by voice vote unanimously.

II. Action Items

- A. Review of the March 5, 2011 Girls Basketball Game between Hodgson (HVT) and Ursuline (UA).
 - 1. IAABO Board 11 Official and game Referee Mike Snead in attendance with Layne Drexel, DIAA and IAABO 11 Rules Interpreter. The Committee confirmed with Mr. Snead that UA had filed a complaint concerning how the game was officiated, and that he was aware of that complaint. Mr. Snead reported his recollection of the game and the events that transpired during the contest. The Committee questioned Mr. Snead about the game and the calls made during it, specific questioning dealt with the allegations that the game was not controlled by the Officiating Crew and that HVT play a very physical and rough game. Mr. Snead responded with his views and recollections of the events of the game and the temperament of the participants, including the two Head Coaches.
The Committee and Officials watched a video replay of portions of the game.
No Public Comment for this section of the Meeting.
Concludes at 10am.
 - 2. Ursuline Academy (UA) Staff and School Administration presentation. In attendance were: Cathy Field-Lloyd, President; Judy Teoli, Principal Middle & Upper School; John Noonan, Head Varsity Basketball Coach; Sue Kampert, Assistant Coach, Dave Cranston, Assistant Coach, Dan Gladnick, Assistant Coach, Susan Heiss, Athletic Director, Brenna Williams, Basketball Player; David Cranston, Father of Player; Dave Lyons, Parent.
Ms. Fontello, explained the procedure the Committee follows and reviewed the complaints concerning UA.
The UA members and the Committee reviewed the events of the game played on 3-5-11 focusing on the incident that took place post-game in the team's handshake line. Ms. Kampert reviewed the three specific complaints UA has with the Game. UA introduced the facts that a game played on 2-22-11 between these two same schools was very contentious and should have been a warning that the 3-5-11 game could be more of the same. Tapes of the game played on 2-22-11 and 3-5-11 were viewed by all. The Committee asked questions of the UA Staff. Mr. David Cranston, a UA parent made a public comment. Mr. Dave Lyons, a US parent made a public comment.

3. Hodgson Vo-Tech (HVT) Staff and Administration Presentation: In attendance were: Gerald Allen, NCC Vo Tech District Administration; Chuck Haney, Assistant Principal; Laura Leone, Athletic Director; Chris Jones, Head Varsity Basketball Coach; Melanie Miller, Assistant Coach; Jazmin Johnson, Player; Melanie Wright, Mother of Player; Jea Street, Student Advocate; Andre Ponco, Uncle of Player; Devon Hinson.

Ms. Fontello, explained the procedure the Committee follows and reviewed the complaints concerning HVT. Members of the HVT party had follow-up questions concerning the procedure and the appeal process. **Editorial Note- student and mother were given the opportunity to move to a closed executive session prior to proceeding. Student and mother declined the opportunity.**

The HVT Coach, Player and Athletic Director reviewed the events of the game and post-game handshake line from 3-5-11. The Committee asked questions of the HVT Staff and Player.

Ms. Wright reviewed what actions were taken by the school as a result of the actions taken by JJ on 3-5-11. Mr. Haney stated that HVT felt there was no problem with the game played on 2-22-11. Mr. Allen reviewed the NCC and HVT desire to have this incident resolved.

Committee Concluded Part II at 3:10pm, recessed until 3:20pm.

Committee went into Deliberations at 3:20pm.

Committee came out of Deliberations at 3:27pm.

Committee and members of HVT party reviewed all actions that took place since 3-5-11 concerning player and reasons for the delay in holding this meeting.

Committee went into Deliberations at 3:55pm.

Committee came out of Deliberations at 4:07pm.

Motion:

Coaches John Noonan and Chris Jones were to each receive a 2 games suspension at the beginning of the 2011-12 season; a letter of reprimand; and be placed on Probation for the 2011-12 Season. Player JJ was to receive a 5 game suspension at the beginning of the 2011-12 season and be placed on Probation for the 2011-12 season. The Committee directed the DIAA Coordinator of Officials to meet with the officials involved and the officials' associating regarding the concerns of the Committee relating to how the game was officiated and managed; and that the Officials Associations would review the events in training sessions to be better prepared to handle them. (Holloway/Craighton) Passed by a 6-2 vote.

Motion to adjourn (Holloway/Samonisky) all in favor 4:16pm